Madurai and Maniachi in Tamil Nadu have been sanctioned by Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which work has not started yet; and

(c) by when Government propose to commence the work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Constraint of recources.

(c) Commencement of work on conversion of this section will be considerd after the work on parallel BG line between Dindigul and Madurai is nearly completed.

Master Plan to avoid road accidents

2587. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any Master Plan to avoid road accidents; and

(b) what is the number of new roads constructed and those which have been widened during the last three years, to facilitate the ever increasing traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) National Road Safety Council in its meeting held in July, 1987 have recommended the setting up State Level Road Safety Councils, truck parking complexes along national highways, formulation of road safety schemes, identifying the specific problems, increase publicity through various medias to highlight the traffic regulations, and inclusion of suitable chapter on road safety in text books for the children, as important measures for implementation to avoid road accidents.

(b) During the last three years, so far as National Highways which come under Central Govt are concerned missing links measuring four kms. on National Highways and another 12 bye-passes have been completed. In addition, widening of National Highways from single lane to two lanes in a length of 1026 Kms. and from two lanes to four lanes in 68 kms. have been completed.

Proposal to treat sale proceeds of old Boeings as revenue

2588. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air-India has proposed to Government to treat the sale proceeds of old Boeings amounting to about Rs. 55 crores as revenue;

(b) whether Government have agreed to the said proposal; and

(c) whether this is likely to give a distorted picture of the actual operational results?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of road along east coast

2589. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA JI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct coastal road between Trichapuram to Tada along east coast, as an alternate route to ease load of existing National Highways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Union Government has no proposal to construct the coastal road between Trichapuram to Tada.

Shortage of forensic science experts in the country

2590. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from

there is a shortage of forensic science experts in the country which often results in incomplete investigations into many medico-legal cases; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for the removal of this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no definite information about the shortage of forensic science experts in the country, resulting in incomeplete investigations into many medico-legal cases.

(b) The Medical Council of India have reported that forensic medicine is included in the undergraduate curriculum and about 15 universities are recognised by the Council for award of Postgraduate degrees of M.D. Diploma in forensic Medicine. The Council has also given permission for starting of Post-graduate Degree/Diploma in forensic medicine to about 18 medical institutions in the country.

Accidents at the unmanned railway crossings

2591. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unmanned level crossings in the country, State-wise, and those converted into manned crossings during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons are killed or injured by trains every year at unmanned level crossings;

(c) if so, what is the number of accident and the persons killed and injured thereby during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) what is the amount of compensation paid to each person killed and by when the ailways propose to convert all these level crossings into manned ones or introduce suitable safety measures, to avoid deaths?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The number of unmanned level crossings, Statewise, is as follows:

State/Union Territory	No. unmanned LCs as on 31-3-87
Assam	596
Andhra Pradesh	1,648
Bihar	1,752
Gujarat	3,407
Haryana	355
Himachal Pradesh	12
Jammu & Kashmir	18
Karnataka	1,103
Kerala	170
Madhya Pradesh	1,720
Maharashtra	1,21[illegible]
Orissa	98[illegible]
Punjab	94
Rajasthan	1,66
Tamil Nadu	1,52
Tripura	
Uttar Pradesh	2,70
West Bengal	1,5[illegible]
Delhi	
Goa	
Pondicherry	
Chandigarh	